

IELTS Syllabus 2023

Section	Description	Number of questions/ Duration	Marks	Band Descriptors/Band score
Listening	Listening section contains four recordings which include 2 conversations and 2 monologues related to the social and academic context.	40 questions/30 minutes	1 mark per question	0-9 band scale
Reading (Academic and General)	Reading test carries three long passages with different question types each which is taken from the source of books, journals, etc.	40 questions/60 minutes	1 mark per question	0-9 band scale
Writing (Academic and General)	Writing section carries two tasks where you'll be writing a 150 word essay based on the given chart, map, diagram or letter. And, task 2 will be a 250 word essay based on the given situation.	2 questions (tasks) /60 minutes	Both writing tasks 1 and 2 are evaluated separately. Task 2 has more weightage than Task 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Task Achievement (Task 1), Task Response (Task 2) ● Coherence and cohesion ● Lexical resource ● Grammatical range and accuracy

Speaking	Speaking test has three parts which involves personal interview, cue card topic discussion and follow-up round.	3 questions (parts)/11-14 minutes	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fluency and coherence • Lexical resource • Grammatical range and accuracy • Pronunciation
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Summary of IELTS syllabus

- There are two types of IELTS test: Academic and General Training.
- The IELTS test contains four sections namely listening, reading, writing and speaking. The listening and speaking section is similar for both the test, but the reading and writing sections vary for both academic and general.
- IELTS academic reading involves three passages with different question types. There are a total of 40 questions that need to be answered in 60 minutes.
- IELTS general training reading contains three sections with 40 questions which need to be completed in 60 minutes.
- IELTS academic and general writing contains two tasks - Task 1 and Task 2. The duration to complete the writing task is 60 minutes.
- IELTS academic writing task 1 is a 150 word essay which can be written by analysing the given visual representation (graph/table/chart/diagram) in 20 minutes.
- IELTS general writing task 1 is required to write a 150 word essay in the form of formal, informal or semi-formal letters for the given situation within 20 minutes.
- IELTS writing task 2 requires you to respond to a view point, argument or problem in 250 words. For academic tests, the response must be in a formal style and for general it can be in personal style.
- IELTS listening contains four recordings (conversations and monologues) which are based on everyday social context and academic basis. The total questions involved is 40 which needs to be completed in 30 minutes plus 10 minutes transfer time.
- IELTS speaking involves three parts. Part 1 is an introduction and interview session which lasts for 4-5 minutes. Part 2 is an individual long-turn round which requires you to talk about the topic that is given in the task card for 3-4 minutes. Part 3 is a

discussion round where you'll be asked questions related to the topic of Part 2 which takes 4-5 minutes.